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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING DRIVER EDUCATION AND LICENSING PROGRAMS TO EMPHASIZE COURTEOUS AND RESPONSIBLE DRIVING, INCLUDING THE REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

WHEREAS, Oahu suffers from some of the worst traffic congestion in the nation; and

WHEREAS, many roads and highways on Oahu were not designed to accommodate the population growth that has occurred on the island; and

WHEREAS, many drivers on Oahu's roads and highways have arrived from nations where driving laws and customs are very different; and

WHEREAS, many elderly drivers passed driving examinations years ago, when traffic conditions were different than they are today; and

WHEREAS, persons eighteen years of age or older are not required to complete a formal driver's education course prior to obtaining a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, improving the education of drivers regarding courteous and responsible driving, with an emphasis on reducing traffic congestion, would benefit everyone who shares Oahu's roads and highways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that the Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu and all driver training and education programs on Oahu are urged to incorporate into their curriculum the teaching of courteous and responsible driving habits, with an emphasis on reducing traffic congestion; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all driver training and education programs are also urged to incorporate information about obeying speed limits, keeping pace with traffic, and the safe and effective merging of traffic, including allowing space for other vehicles to merge into traffic without necessarily stopping for them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and the Director of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

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